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The 2009 Station Fire burned over 160,000 acres and watersheds of 29 debris protection facilities such as debris basins and inlets and 5 reservoirs. The Station Fire compounds the impacts from the 2008 Merek, Sesnon, and Sayre Fires, which impacted an additional 10 debris protection facilities and necessitated the installation of 3 post-fire debris barriers. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District's (LACFCD's) protection facilities and reservoirs are the first line of defense to protect the communities below the burned areas. The sediment load from these burned watersheds will be significant for many years until the watersheds recover.

The February 6 storm severely impacted almost all the LACFCD's debris protection facilities from La Canada Flintridge to the Ventura County line with the deposition of nearly 1 million cubic yards (or 1.7 million tons) of sediment. These facilities need to be cleaned out immediately and simultaneously to prepare the facilities for upcoming storms.

The LACFCD has several sediment placement sites in the fire area, but they are quickly reaching their capacity. Local landfills are alternative deposition sites for the sediment removed from the facilities. However, these landfills require dumping fees, and they are also subject to limits on the amount of material that they can accept on a daily basis. These requirements will potentially delay the LACFCD's ability to ready the debris protection facilities for upcoming storms and significantly increase the cost of preparing these facilities.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors in light of the conditions of extreme danger to the County of Los Angeles residents' safety and property created by the wild fires and recent winter storms; and to facilitate any immediate needs to remove disaster-related debris materials from our debris protection facilities, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- Determine, based on the joint recommendation of the County Local Enforcement Agency and the Department of Public Works, consistent with the January 21, 2010, State Proclamation of a State of Emergency; that an increase in the maximum amounts of daily and weekly tonnage allowed by the conditional use permit for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill is necessary to appropriately manage the overall County waste stream for the protection of public health and safety.
- Direct the Director of Public Works to grant a temporary exception on behalf of the County to the daily and weekly tonnage limits at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, for a period of 90 days from the date of this motion, to allow the landfill operator to accept, stockpile, and/or use for landfill cover and other beneficial purposes, up to 10,800 tons per day (64,800 tons per week) of materials from the LACFCD's debris protection facilities, in accordance with the landfill's land use permit requirements; these materials will not be included in the daily and weekly tonnage limits otherwise required by the land use permit.
- Request the State Department of Resource Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle) and other local jurisdictions to also grant a 90-day exception to the daily and weekly limits for accepting materials from the LACFCD's debris protection facilities at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and Scholl Canyon Landfill.
- Request CalRecycle, the Local Enforcement Agency, and other local jurisdictions to waive the restrictions on the hours of operation for the Sunshine Canyon and Scholl Canyon Landfills for 90 days in accordance with applicable permitting requirements, in the event that a 24-hour, 7 days a week, operation is needed to manage the disaster-related debris.
- Grant a 90-day waiver on behalf of the County on any County fees required to be imposed on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill for disaster-related debris materials managed at the site.
- Direct the Director of Public Works to ensure that these materials are beneficially used, rather than disposed of, to the maximum extent feasible.

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- Direct the Director of Public Works to work with the State to waive any applicable fees on disaster-related materials managed at the Sunshine Canyon and Scholl Canyon Landfills for 90 days to assist in the timely protection of County residents; and ask other local jurisdictions and agencies to also waive their fees for the management of disaster-related debris materials.
- Direct the Director of Public Works and the Director of Public Health to report back to the Board within 90 days regarding the progress of removing the disaster-related debris materials from the LACFCD's debris protection facilities and any need to extend these waivers to continue removal of disaster-related debris materials.

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